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Transmitted herewith under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation☐ Divisionalcontinued prosecution application of prior pending Application No. 09/246,691, filed February 9, 1999.For (Title): PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ANIONIC CLAY USING TWO TYPES OF ALUMINA COMPOUNDS

(Amended Title): _____

By (Inventors): Dennis STAMIREs, Michael F. BRADY, William JONES and Fathi KOOLI

1. ☒ Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.
2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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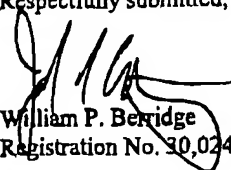
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4. ☐ Cancel in this application claims ____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
5. ☐ Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 with any attachments filed on ____ in said prior application, which was not entered therein.
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7. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)(4)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:

8. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the prior application.
9. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
10. ☐ Small entity status:
☐ a. Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
☐ b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
11. ☐ Other: _____
12. ☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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The following papers have been filed:

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